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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroaki KANEKO, et al

Title: CATALYST COMPOSITION

Appl. No.: 09/780,617

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-11, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In response to the Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 27, 2002:

First Category:

Applicants elect La for element A'.

Second Category:

Applicants elect Pr for element A''.

Third Category:

Applicants elect Fe for element B'.

Fourth Category:

Applicants elect Rh for element B''.

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